

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 remain pending in the above-identified application, and stand ready for further action on the merits.

This response is supplemental to that previously filed on July 24, 2006, and filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 6, 2006.

Non-Compliant Amendment of Specification

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner correctly notes that applicants' prior attempt to amend page 8 of the specification was in error. Applicants instead intended to amend page 5 of the specification. The instant amendment accordingly corrects this inadvertent error (for which applicants apologize) and amends page 5 as originally intended. The "non-compliant" aspect of applicants' prior response is accordingly corrected, and applicants' response should now be found to fully comply with the rules of the Patent Office.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application towards allowance.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached as payment for the requested one month extension of time.

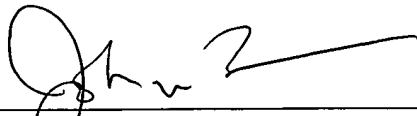
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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